

## FAILURE HASTENED ZEPPELIN'S DEATH

German. Inventor's. Lifelong  
Dream of Conquest by  
Air Unfulfilled.

### SUCCUMBS TO PNEUMONIA

Repeated Disappointments in  
War Machine Clouded Vet-  
eran's Last Years.

LONDON, March 9.—Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, inventor of the giant German airships, which have made London a city of darkened streets and silent nights, died yesterday at Charlottenburg, near Berlin, of inflammation of the lungs, according to a Berlin dispatch transmitted by the Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company. The report is confirmed by another dispatch sent from Geneva through Paris, which, however, states that the count's death was due to pneumonia.

### Life Work Called Failure.

The failure of his airships to terrorize England and bring the war to a speedy end and their apparent abandonment by the German general staff in the consideration of military measures is believed to have been a contributing factor in the death of Count von Zeppelin. For several months, as Zeppelin raids against England have become less and less frequent and British aviators have brought down more and more airships with every attack, reports have filtered through from Germany that Count von Zeppelin's health was failing through disappointment.

Within the last month, following the disastrous raid over the midland counties of England, in which two airships were brought down in flames, the German government has practically admitted that the Zeppelin has been a failure, and reports have come from Berlin that the giant airships are no longer regarded as having military value.

For forty years Count von Zeppelin labored, driven by the belief that he was destined to build an engine of destruction that would nullify the great English battle fleet and lead the Germans to mastery of the world through mastery of the air.

### A Favorite of Kaiser.

Those forty years have seen him elevated from the position of a harmless crank in the grip of a vision to the top rank of the roll of German heroes; they have seen him petted by the Kaiser, a court favorite, and characterized by the monarch as "the greatest German," and they have seen him, an old, old man standing helplessly by while military lords branded his life work as a failure.

Ferdinand von Zeppelin was born in 1838, the son of a small Wurtemberg court official in Constance on the shore of the lake of that name, where all of his experiments were later carried out.

He received a military training and he entered the army as a lieutenant of cavalry at the age of twenty-two. In 1863 he was detached from the Wurtemberg service as a military observer to follow the armies of the American Union in the civil war.

Once, at the battle of Fredericksburg, only a sudden dash on horseback saved Zeppelin from being captured by the Confederates.

His first ascent in a balloon occurred when he received permission to go up in the basket of an observation balloon that reconnoitered the Confederate position before a battle.

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### Devotes Life to Hobby.

In 1891 he was retired with the full rank of general of cavalry.

Count Zeppelin began to study the problem of aerial navigation when he was a boy of eighteen, but it was not until 1892 that he devoted his whole life to the hobby.

### DRINK A GLASS OF REAL HOT WATER BEFORE BREAKFAST

Says we will both look and  
feel clean, sweet and fresh  
and avoid illness.

Sanitary science has of late made rapid strides with results that are untold blessing to humanity. The latest application of its untiring research is the recombinant of limestone phosphate to attend to internal sanitation of the human body as it is to the drains of the house.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluiceway of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick, or well, should, each morning before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile, and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening, and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating; it cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste, and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. While you are enjoying your breakfast the phosphated hot water is quietly extracting a large volume of water from the blood and getting ready for a thorough flushing of all the inside organs.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, biliousness, stomach trouble, rheumatic stiffness, others who have sallow skins, blood disorders, and sick headaches are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store. This will cost very little, but it is sufficient to make any one a pronounced crank on the subject of internal sanitation.—Adv.

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